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From: Wingett, Yvonne <yvonne.wingett@arizonarepublic.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Justin Riches; Matt Specht
Cc: Nowicki, Dan
Subject: Public Records Request - Presidential Preference PRR

Importance: High

Hi there –

I hope you are well.

Under the state's public records law, I seek any and all public documents pertaining to the drafting of a resolution that would affect the presidential preference election in 2020.

This request includes any and all communication from the Arizona Republican Party and/or surrogates, including but not limited to Kelli Ward, Zachery Henry, Leslie White, Shialee Gorman and any attorney representing the state party.

This request for information includes documents reflecting resolutions, measures and/or any other legislative effort.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this public-records request.

Yvonne.

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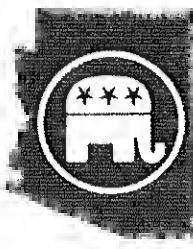
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From: Chairman Kelli Ward <kelli.ward@azgop.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 11:15 AM
To: John Allen
Subject: IMPORTANT: Message From Arizona Republican Party on 2020 Presidential Preference Election

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OF ARIZONA

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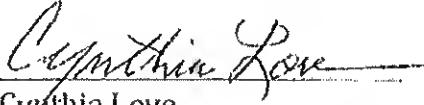
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FURTHER, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Arizona is directed to convey this Resolution to the Governor of Arizona and members of the Arizona Legislature upon its passage.

APPROVED by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Republican Party of Arizona on April 23, 2019.



Kelli Ward
Chairman



Cynthia Love
Secretary

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Party, we thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Kelli Ward
Chairman
Republican Party of Arizona



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Phoenix, AZ 85016



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From: Zachery Henry <communications@azgop.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:41 PM
To: Kelli Ward
Subject: AZGOP Executive Committee PPE Resolution
Attachments: AZGOP Ex Comm PPE Resolution.pdf

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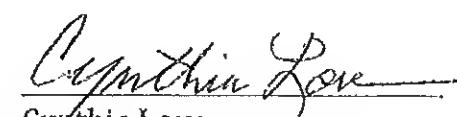
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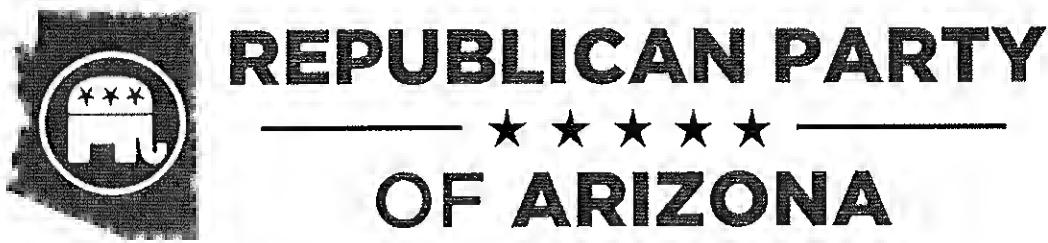


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From: Chairman Kelli Ward <kelli.ward@azgop.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Russell Bowers
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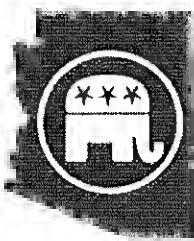


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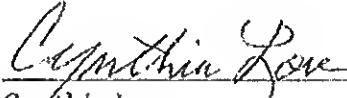
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